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Scripture: John 20:19-31

Easter is a season to remember the amazing things God has done for us through Jesus Christ's work on the cross. We are called to more than gratitude when we encounter the risen Christ. True encounter with Jesus leads us to live transformed lives of service to Christ. Today's sermon examines the story of Thomas as an example for us as believers.

All of us are like Thomas sometimes. Doubt can either destroy our faith or help strengthen our walk with Christ.

Doubt isn't necessarily unhealthy. It can lead us toward a deeper faith or it can undermine our faith. Questions that we ask when doubting God include:

- Can I really trust God?
- Are God's rules really right?
- Does God really love me?
- Are the things that the Church teaches about God really true?

One of the ways we deal with doubt is by seeking an encounter with the risen Christ. That is what put an end to Thomas's doubts and equipped him for a life of service.

We can encounter Christ through:

- The testimonies of others who have experienced similar struggles
- Participating in spiritual disciplines like worship, prayer, and reading Scripture
- Through receiving Holy Communion

How have you encountered Jesus in your life?

How have you dealt with doubt in the past?

